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The attorney generals in all 50 of our states should realize that the biggest monopoly of all is the "Government (sic Public) Education System". In order to curry favor with the influential education bureaucracy the two party politicians have allowed the fox into the hen house, fully disregarding the sound government procurement principle to never "sole source". In this respect the politicians have failed the taxpayer miserably. Even though we now have 5 year vesting the future looks grim for millions of baby boomers who have been bashed about with downsizings in the "private sector". Competition and the supposedly global free market are the built in checks and balances to keep "private" sector goods and services reasonably priced. The "public" sector worker is largely immune from NAFTA and FAST TRACK. This is unfair and its further unfair to encumber an innovative company such as Microsoft which competes in the private sector. It's companies such as Microsoft that eventually produce a product to serve the public by taking over an entity that in its present state is cumbersome and an expensive burden on the backs of society. Our aging populace could better use these saved dollars for medical needs. Therefore I ask the AGs to stop encumbering our free market companies and direct their attention to areas that are bigger concerns to the taxpayer.

I challenge all states attorney generals to rid us of our biggest monopoly and stop violating the constitutional rights of America's children, which under the present situation does not provide an equal opportunity to education. Dangle that education dollar in front of our private sector technological companies and let the innovation of the free market bring a better and equal education to America's children at a cost that is determined by the free market.

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